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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ZIMR/0034/KMT, for excess claim fees as detailed on the attached Fee Transmittal, and for any fees, including extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.